Governor Quinn Unveils $11.5 Billion Multi-Year Construction Program

Continued Infrastructure Investment will Create 155,000 Jobs

SPRINGFIELD – April 7, 2011. Governor Pat Quinn today unveiled the state’s new $11.5 billion multi-year construction program. The program will create 155,000 jobs and spark economic development throughout the state while improving safety and reducing congestion. Driven by the Illinois Jobs Now! capital program, the statewide multi-year plan for fiscal years 2012 through 2017 will improve 3,248 miles of road and replace or rehabilitate 611 bridges. In the upcoming fiscal year, the state is expected to improve 490 miles of road and 105 bridges.

“The last two construction seasons have been the busiest in Illinois' history, thanks to Illinois Jobs Now!,” said Governor Quinn. “This plan will ensure that we have record-breaking construction seasons in 2012 and beyond that exemplify my commitment to creating jobs and supporting our economic recovery through critical investment in our roads and bridges.”

The multi-year program will provide more than $842 million in IDOT’s District 6 alone, which includes Sangamon, Logan, Christian, Montgomery, Mason, Menard, Macoupin, Morgan, Scott, Cass, Schuyler, Brown, Pike, Adams and Hancock counties.

Among the project highlights for IDOT’s District 6:

U.S. 67 Expressway in Morgan County. New four-lane expressway for 6.4 miles, from two miles east of Illinois 100 to Concord/Arenzville Road at an estimated cost of $51.5 million.

Interstate 55/Interstate 155 in Logan County. Improvements to eight interstate bridges, at an estimated cost of $14.5 million, between Illinois 10 to two miles west of I-55’s business route north of Lincoln.

Interstate 55/72/55 Business/U.S. 36 from Southwind Drive south of Springfield to Williamsville. Engineering, environmental and design studies at an estimated cost of $5.2 million for the 2012 fiscal year.

Illinois 29 from north of Ridge Avenue to north of Clear Lake Avenue in Springfield. Additional lanes, a bi-directional turn lane, a mile of resurfacing, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and land acquisition at an estimated cost of $10 million.
Wabash Avenue from Moffet Street in Curran to Koke Mill Road in Springfield. Additional lanes for 2.7 miles, a retaining wall, land acquisition and utility adjustments at an estimated cost of $22 million.
Of the $11.5 billion program, $7.2 billion is from federal funds and $3.6 billion from state funds, including $2 billion through the six-year, $31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! capital program passed by Governor Quinn and the General Assembly in 2009.

State highways will see $8.3 billion in improvements over the life of the program, with $3.2 billion available for the local highway system. In the state portion of the multi-year program, $3.5 billion will be for reconstructions, resurfacings, widenings and other safety projects; $1.9 billion for bridge needs; $2.1 billion for congestion mitigation and $774 million for new roads and increased access for economic development.

“We are excited to move forward with these projects that will create jobs and make our roads safer,” Illinois Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig said. “We believe they will spark economic development and enhance the quality of life for residents across the state.”


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